

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows wherein new text is indicated with underlining and deleted text is indicated with ~~striketrough~~ or enclosed within [[double brackets]]:

1. (Currently Amended) A live interactive digital programming system, said live interactive digital programming system comprising:

a viewer television reception system for receiving live interactive programming, the live interactive programming comprising a plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals, the reception system comprising:

a first input, said first input for receiving said live interactive programming comprising a stream of said plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals;

a second input, said second input comprising a connection to a computer network for receiving digitally compressed video, audio, and graphics signals;

a viewer interface for receiving input from a viewer entries;

a microprocessor, connected to the viewer interface, for selecting at least one of the video, [[and]] audio, or graphics signals from said first input or second input and directing a ~~seamless~~ switch to the selected at least one video, [[and]] audio, or graphics signals at a predetermined time, the selection of the selected at least one video, [[and]] audio, or graphics signals and the predetermined time of each selection a function of the branching codes and the input from the received viewer entries;

~~a demultiplexer, for demultiplexing the selected video and audio signals;~~

a decompressor/decoder, ~~connected to the demultiplexer~~ for decompressing the demultiplexed selected at least one video, [[and]] audio, or graphics signals;

~~a means for displaying the selected video signal; and~~

a means for outputting playing the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signal.

2. (Currently Amended) The live interactive digital programming system as set forth in ~~[[of]]~~ claim 1, wherein the plurality of digitally compressed video signals from said first input corresponds to different predetermined camera angles of an event.

3. (Currently Amended) The live interactive digital programming system as set forth in ~~[[of]]~~ claim 1, wherein the microprocessor selects one of the graphics signals at a predetermined time, the selection of the graphics signal a function of the branching codes and the input from the received viewer entries, and further comprising a means, connected to the microprocessor, for presenting the selected graphics signal on the display means.

4. (Currently Amended) The live interactive digital programming system as set forth in ~~[[of]]~~ claim 1, wherein the display outputting means presents at least one interrogatory to the viewer, the content of the interrogatory involving program options, and the input from the viewer entries correspond to collected input entries from the viewer via the viewer interface in response to the interrogatories.

5. (Currently Amended) A live interactive digital programming system, said live interactive digital programming system comprising:

a viewer television reception system for receiving live interactive programming, the live interactive programming comprising a plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals, the reception system comprising:

a first input, said first input for receiving said live interactive programming comprising a stream of said plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals;

a second input, said second input comprising a connection to a computer network for receiving digitally compressed video, audio, and graphics signals;

memory, for storing a viewer profile;

a microprocessor, ~~connected to the viewer interface~~, for selecting at least one of the video, ~~[[and]]~~ audio, or graphics signals from said first input or second input and directing a seamless switch to the selected at least one video, ~~[[and]]~~

audio, or graphics signals at a ~~predetermined time~~, the selection of the selected at least one video, ~~[[and]] audio, or graphics signals and the predetermined time of each selection~~ a function of the branching codes and the stored viewer profile;

~~a demultiplexer, for demultiplexing the selected video and audio signals;~~

a decompressor/decoder, ~~connected to the demultiplexer~~ for decompressing the ~~demultiplexed~~ selected at least one video, ~~[[and]] audio, or graphics~~ signals;

~~a means for displaying the selected video signal; and~~

a means for outputting ~~playing~~ the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signal.

6. (Currently Amended) The live interactive digital programming system as set forth in ~~[[of]]~~ claim 5, wherein the plurality of digitally compressed video signals from said first input correspond to different predetermined camera angles of an event.

7. (Currently Amended) The live interactive digital programming system as set forth in ~~[[of]]~~ claim 5, wherein the microprocessor selects one of the graphics signals at a predetermined time, the selection of the graphics signal a function of the branching codes and the viewer profile, and further comprising a means, connected to the microprocessor, for presenting the selected graphics signal on the display means.

8. (Currently Amended) A live interactive digital programming system, said live interactive digital programming system comprising:

a viewer television reception system for receiving live interactive programming, the live interactive programming comprising a plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes, and ~~one or more uniform resource locators specifying one or more Internet addresses of related Internet information segments obtained from Web sites on the Internet~~, the reception system comprising:

a first input, said first input for receiving said live interactive programming comprising a stream of said plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals;

a second input, said second input comprising a connection to a computer network for receiving digitally compressed video, audio, and graphics signals using said Internet addresses;

a viewer interface for receiving viewer entries;

a means, connected to the viewer interface, for processing, said processing comprising: means for selecting at least one of [[the]] video, [[and]] audio, or graphics signals and directing a seamless switch to the selected at least one video, [[and]] audio, or graphics signals from said first input or second input ~~at a predetermined time~~, the selection of the at least one video, [[and]] audio, or graphics signals and the ~~predetermined time of each selection~~ a function of the branching codes and the received viewer entries;

~~a means for decoding the uniform resource locators to determine the specified Internet addresses;~~

~~a means, connected to the decoding means, for retrieving the one or more Internet information segments residing at the determined Internet addresses; and~~

a means for outputting presenting the selected at least one video, [[and]] audio, or graphics signals, and Internet information segments.

9. (Currently Amended) The live interactive digital programming system as set forth in [[of]] claim 8, said live interactive digital programming system further comprising:

~~a demultiplexer, for demultiplexing the selected video and audio signals; and~~

a decompressor/decoder, ~~connected to the demultiplexer,~~ for decompressing the demultiplexed selected at least one video, [[and]] audio, or graphics signals.

10. (Currently Amended) The live interactive digital programming system as set forth in [[of]] claim 8, wherein the plurality of digitally compressed video signals from said first input correspond to a different predetermined camera angle of an event.

11. (Currently Amended) The live interactive digital programming system as set forth in [[of]] claim 8, wherein the outputting ~~presenting~~ means displays at least one interrogatory to the viewer, the content of the interrogatory involving program options, and the viewer entries correspond to collected entries from the viewer via the viewer interface in response to the interrogatories.

12. (Currently Amended) The live interactive digital programming system as set forth in [[of]] claim 8, wherein the live interactive programming further comprises a plurality of graphics signals and the processing ~~selecting~~ means selects one of the graphics signals at a predetermined time, the selection of the graphics signal a function of the branching codes and the viewer profile, ~~and further comprising a means, connected to the microprocessor, for presenting the selected graphics signal on the display means.~~

13. – 17. (Cancelled)